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Members of the 152nd Trooper Candidate Class salute during their graduation last month at Merriweather Post Pavilion.

Trooper Candidate Class 152 Joins Ranks Of 'Maryland's Finest'

(COLUMBIA, MD) – As Governor Larry Hogan and other state officials and proud family members looked on, trooper candidates raised their right hands and took an oath to serve and protect the people of Maryland as they officially became state troopers during the graduation ceremony for the Maryland State Police 152ND Trooper Candidate Class.

The Maryland State Police Academy graduation was held July 16th at Merriweather Post Pavilion. More than 1,000 family members and friends of the graduates attended. In addition, hundreds more current and former Maryland State Police employees attended as part of the year-long commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the founding

of the Department.

The 46 members of Trooper Candidate Class 152 have just completed 27 weeks of a residential police training academy, known as one of most intense and comprehensive state police training programs in the country.

During six months of strict discipline and a demanding schedule, the trooper candidates received instruction in criminal and traffic laws, emergency care, emergency driving, physical training, and scenario-based training that included de-escalation and conflict resolution.

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“This class has the distinction of beginning almost exactly 100 years after the very first MSP academy class, and now, after you take the oath here today, Class 152 will be charged with leading this agency into its next century of service—a task for which I know that you are both well-equipped and well prepared for,” said Governor Hogan at the event.

“Congratulations on your accomplishment, and on behalf of all the people of an incredibly proud and grateful state, we wish each of you success, safety, and godspeed.”

“Class 152, I am grateful to you for choosing a career in law enforcement with the Maryland State Police,” Colonel Woodrow W. Jones III, Maryland State Police Superintendent, said. “You will be expected to uphold and exceed the standards set by those who came before you.

“As you accept the incredible responsibilities and authority entrusted to you by the citizens of Maryland, I urge you never to forget that your mission is to serve and protect. You are now a public safety servant who is expected to courageously perform your duties, while upholding our core values of integrity, fairness and service.”

Even before the members of Class 152 met to begin their formal



There were 46 members of the 152nd Trooper Candidate Class, including 11 former Maryland State Police cadets.

training, they began raising money for the Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge for Special Olympics. In just weeks, the members of Class 152 raised more than \$29,000 for Special Olympics, finishing first and setting a record for all police academy team fundraising in the 25-year history of the Plunge. Class members also participated in the Maryland Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics in June.

Among the members of the class, six have prior military experience, four previously worked in law enforcement or corrections and 11 were Maryland State Police cadets. Twenty-two of the trooper candidates already had college degrees and another 20 enrolled in

the concurrent Associate of Arts program with Frederick Community College. They received their degrees during their last week at the Academy.

Following a brief period of leave, the new troopers reported to barracks across Maryland to begin eight weeks of practical instruction with field training troopers. Upon successful completion of that training, they will be permitted to patrol alone.



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PHOTOS: 152nd Trooper Candidate Class Graduation



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**- Colonel Woodrow W. Jones III
Maryland State Police Superintendent**





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New Cumberland Barrack Hosts Official Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

(CUMBERLAND, MD) — Lt. Governor Boyd K. Rutherford on July 22 participated in the ribbon cutting for the new Maryland State Police Barrack C in Cumberland. Lt. Governor Rutherford was joined by Maryland State Police Secretary Col. Woodrow W. “Jerry” Jones, III and Department of General Services Secretary Ellington E. Churchill, Jr.

“The new state-of-the-art police barracks allows our Troopers and other personnel to better meet evolving needs for public service in the 21st century,” Lt. Gov. Rutherford said.

In September 2019, the Maryland Department of General Services and Maryland State Police broke ground on the new 19,733 square foot Cumberland Barracks which sits on approximately 2 acres. This \$12.8 million project incorporates best practices in public safety design and resolves



Lt. Gov. Boyd Rutherford helped MSP officially open the department’s new Cumberland Barrack.

many deficiencies of the old barracks location. The barracks will house 50 personnel, including thirty-nine sworn police officers from the Field Operations Bureau, Criminal Enforcement Division, Crash Team and the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

The barracks provides a central location for people to go to obtain state

services, as well as support resources for troopers and other state personnel. The new facility is also equipped with a 300-foot radio tower, vital to support the statewide radio system as well as an indoor facility for K-9 partners.

“The Maryland State Police Cumberland Barracks has always been a pillar of public safety

and citizen services in Allegany County ...,” Colonel Jones said. “In addition to daily patrol and investigation, the new barracks is equipped with facilities to address all vital services needed to maintain and support patrol operations, such as the capability to perform expanded diagnostics and analysis of evidence locally.”

The newly constructed barracks was designed in compliance with the International Green Construction Code to achieve energy efficiency and sustainability goals as outlined in the Department of General Services procedures manual.

The building is equipped with LED lighting and occupancy sensors as well as an efficient variable refrigerant volume HVAC system with dedicated outdoor air supply units, which utilize heat recovery.





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Washington Metro Troop Continues To Address Excessive Speeding Along I-495, I-270

(ROCKVILLE, MD) -- Maryland State Police continues to work with allied agencies to address concerns over excessive speeding and aggressive and impaired driving along I-495 and I-270 in the Washington Metro region of the state.

Troopers have joined forces with Prince George's County Police, Montgomery County Police and Virginia State Police as a part of this six-month initiative, which began in March. The partnership is to address troubling trends seen in 2020 that have continued despite traffic volumes returning to near pre-pandemic levels.

The operation is being conducted through grant funding from the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration (MDOT MVA) Highway Safety Office. Enforcement initiatives such as this are data-driven and are focused in areas where crash data indicates they are most needed.

Last year, 575 fatalities occurred on Maryland roadways, an increase of 6.4% compared to 2019, even though traffic volumes were down as much as 50% during portions of 2020 at the height of the COVID-19

Prince George's County, while more than 9,700 crashes were reported in Montgomery County. With preliminary data showing those two counties continuing those trends this year, law enforcement partners are

stops, 277 citations, 151 warnings

May 12 – 242 traffic stops, 216 citations issued, 112 warnings

June 14 – 142 traffic stops, 163 citations, 84 warnings



pandemic. Volumes have largely returned; figures for May 2021 show traffic down between 8% and 11% compared to pre-pandemic levels.

Of all highway fatalities in 2020, 27% occurred in Prince George's or Montgomery counties. Additionally, according to Automated Crash Reporting System data, more than 17,100 crashes were reported in 2020 in

working to save lives by stopping dangerous driving behaviors before they cause another crash.

The joint enforcement efforts through June have been conducted on the following dates and yielded the following results:

March 15 – 502 traffic stops, 435 citations, 246 warnings

April 22 – 323 traffic

“The evidence of unsafe drivers is clear and, unfortunately, that evidence involves the increase in crashes killing and injuring people on Maryland highways,” Maryland State Police Superintendent Col. Woodrow W. Jones III said. “Working with the MDOT MVA Highway Safety Office and our law enforcement partners in the National Capital Region, we will continue initiatives to strictly enforce our traffic laws and change these dangerous driving behaviors while reducing crashes caused by those who disregard the safety of others.”



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Aviation Command Rescues Injured Swimmers In Cecil, Garrett Counties

Maryland State Police Aviation Command crews helped rescue injured swimmers just hours apart last month in Cecil and Garrett counties.

At about 1 p.m. July 23, Maryland State Police Helicopter Trooper 1, based at Martin State Airport, was dispatched to perform an aerial hoist rescue of a victim who sustained injuries after jumping between 20 and 30 feet off a rock into the water on North East Creek at Gilpin's Falls.

Due to the steep terrain, extended extraction time, and the nature of the victim's injuries, a Maryland State Police Aviation Command helicopter was requested by the SYSCOM duty officer through Cecil County Fire Rescue to perform an aerial hoist rescue.

The Trooper 1 helicopter crew launched and once on scene, configured for an aerial hoist rescue while the pilots maneuvered the AW-139 helicopter into a steady 130-foot hover position above the creek along the tree line. North East Fire and EMS personnel provided patient care during the ground operations and assisted in preparing the patient.

The trooper/rescue technician with medical equipment was lowered down to the scene to assess and prepare the patient for an aerial extraction using a Patient Extrication Platform (PEP) bag.



Troopers rescue an injured swimmer on North East Creek in Cecil County. (Photo courtesy of Brandon McGinn)

The patient, accompanied by the trooper/rescue technician, was hoisted up to the helicopter. Once the patient was secured inside the aircraft, Trooper 1 transitioned to its medevac role and provided advanced level medical care while en route to R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore.

At about 5 p.m. the same day, Maryland State Police helicopter Trooper 5, based at Cumberland Airport, was dispatched to perform an aerial hoist rescue of a victim who sustained a head injury after slipping on a rock. Due to the steep terrain, extended extraction time, and the nature of the victim's injuries, a Maryland State Police Aviation Command helicopter was requested by

SYSCOM through Garrett County Fire and Rescue to perform an aerial hoist rescue.

The Trooper 5 helicopter crew launched and once on scene, configured for an aerial hoist rescue while the pilots maneuvered the AW-139 helicopter into a steady 275-foot hover position above the river. Garrett County Fire and Rescue personnel provided patient care during the ground operations and assisted in preparing the patient.

The trooper/rescue technician with medical equipment was lowered down to the scene to assess and prepare the patient for an aerial extraction using a Patient Extrication Platform (PEP) bag.

The patient, accompanied by the trooper/rescue technician, was hoisted up to the helicopter. Once the patient was secured inside the aircraft, Trooper 5 transitioned to its medevac role and provided advanced level medical care while enroute to J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, WV.



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Aviation Command Performs Aerial Rescue of Patient From Cargo Ship In Chesapeake Bay

(DORCHESTER COUNTY, MD) – The crew of Maryland State Police Aviation Command Trooper 6 performed an aerial rescue of a patient from a cargo ship on June 18 in the Chesapeake Bay.

Shortly before 5:30 a.m., Trooper 6, based at Easton Airport, was dispatched to perform an aerial hoist of a patient from the Laurence Francoise, Breakbulk Carrier. The call was received from the United States Coast Guard, Sector Baltimore, who requested the assistance of a Maryland State Police helicopter.

The 750-foot-long Breakbulk Cargo Carrier was underway passing Cove Point in the Chesapeake Bay. The Trooper 6 helicopter

crew launched and arrived on scene in the Chesapeake Bay. The Trooper 6 helicopter crew configured for an aerial hoist operation while the pilots maneuvered the AW-139 helicopter into a steady hover position 50 feet above the vessel.

The trooper/rescue technician was lowered to the deck of the vessel to assess and prepare the patient for the hoist. The patient, accompanied by the trooper/rescue technician, was hoisted up to the helicopter. Once the patient was secured inside the aircraft, Trooper 6 transitioned to its medevac role and provided advanced level medical care while en route to Peninsula Regional Tidal Health in Salisbury, Maryland.

The Maryland State Police Aviation Command has served Maryland citizens since 1970, and operates a fleet of ten helicopters from seven bases throughout Maryland on a 24/7/365 basis. Missions include medevac, law enforcement, search and rescue, homeland security, and disaster assessment. The success of rescues performed by the Aviation Command depends a great deal on the cooperative effort of local fire, rescue, EMS, law enforcement and the U.S. Coast Guard.



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One Thing That Has Not Changed In 100 Years? Coffee And Troopers

When Cathy Wisniewski saw the coffee, she was reminded of her late husband, Gary, a devoted Maryland state trooper who loved coffee. When she learned the coffee was produced by a company owned by police officers, she knew what she had to do. You can read her account in her note to the Annapolis Barrack.

The command staff, troopers and civilian employees at the Annapolis Barrack were deeply touched by Mrs. Wisniewski's kind gesture and they knew what they had to do too.

Recently, Lt. John Revel and TFC Kyle Jeans visited Mrs. Wisniewski to thank her in person and to present her with a special commemorative license plate in memory of her favorite trooper and his patrol car number when he was assigned to the Annapolis Barrack.

Barrack)
My husband, Gary Wisniewski Sr. was a Trooper for 25 yrs, retiring in 93.
He spent 13 of those years at Annapolis starting in 68 (J13)- he then went to TED for 11 yrs. Back to Barrack J in 82. (J21, J28, J32) he remained at Barrack until 92, he then went to ASFD to finish his last year there.
Sadly, Gary passed away Nov 19, 2015.
I remain a member of MSPAA, and support law enforcement, especially Maryland's Finest.
Now the coffee - police officers own/run this company. So of course I bought some. I don't drink coffee. So I decided to give it to Barrack J.
Gary loved coffee!!! Enjoy!!!
Take Care - Be Safe
P.S. If anyone has a 88 tag lying around - I would love it
Cathy Wisniewski

Thank you, Mrs. Wisniewski for your kind gesture. You will always be a part of the Maryland State Police family.



TFC Jeans presents a commemorative plaque to Mrs. Wisniewski in memory of her husband, one of "Maryland's finest."



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MSP Increases Impaired Driving Enforcement Efforts Over July 4th Weekend

(JESSUP, MD) — Troopers worked diligently to ensure Maryland roads remained safe over the July 4th holiday weekend.

Between July 2-5, troopers working statewide holiday traffic enforcement efforts issued 3,568 citations and 3,026 warnings while also arresting 132 impaired drivers.

The work coincided with a joint effort between MSP and the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration to remind motorists to be responsible over the holiday.

Among the troopers who participated in the effort was the State

Police Impaired Driving Reduction Effort, or SPIDRE Team. Formed in 2013, SPIDRE is a specially trained team of five troopers who work in targeted areas in the Baltimore and Washington metropolitan area where impaired driving is a leading cause of death and injury.

Team members train other state police troopers and local law enforcement officers, and partner with local police departments and agencies to reduce alcohol related crashes throughout Maryland.

MSP and MDOT MVA's Highway Safety Office provide funding for this effort. Since its inception, SPIDRE has been responsi-

ble for more than 3,600 arrests for suspected driving under the influence.

Between 2015 and 2019, more than 800 people died and more than 15,600 were injured in drug-and/or alcohol-involved crashes in Maryland. Last year, 574 fatalities occurred on Maryland roadways, an increase of 6.4% compared to 2019 even though traffic volumes were down as much as 50% during portions of 2020 at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.



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The evolution of the Maryland State Police during the past 100 years has led to the development of many specialized units.

New Video Celebrates Maryland State Police's 100-Year History

Last month, the Maryland State Police premiered a new video to commemorate the Department's 100th anniversary.

The story below was developed through the script of the video.

It was 1920.

Crime was on the rise. Automobile use was expanding. Criminals were using this emerging technology to aid in the escape, and increase their advantage over local police.

In the spring of 2020, five armed men robbed a Montgomery County bank, leaving the wounded bank director to die as they fled

the scene in their car.

Something had to be done

Later that year, Gov. Albert Ritchie proposed a statewide law enforcement agency that would not be bound by county lines. On Jan. 10, 1921, the first members of the Maryland State Police began their training. Upon graduation, they were directed by the governor to serve and protect the citizens of Maryland. They have faithfully fulfilled that mission ever since.

"We follow in a strong tradition and we're still looked upon as being 'Maryland's Finest,'" Captain Rosemary Chappell said.

"The mission has always been the same. You want to make Maryland a better, safer place for the citizens in the state and those that travel through it."

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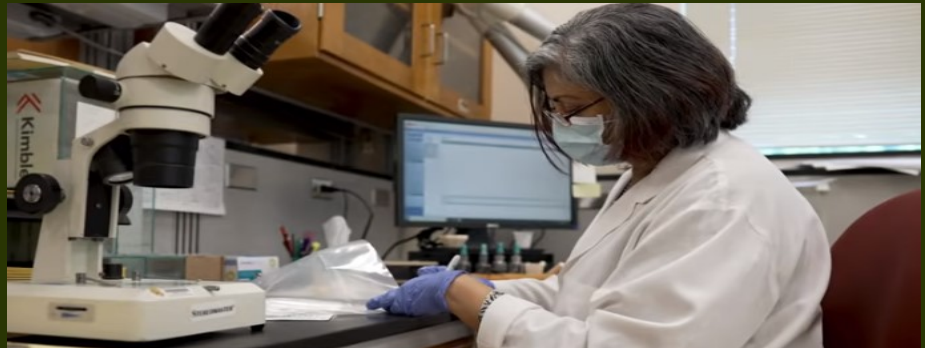
VIDEO: Serving, Protecting MD For 100 Years

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Patrolling alone throughout the state, the troopers quickly became known for their dedication, courage, resilience and their ability to get the job down however difficult the task. Troopers soon transitioned from riding horses and motorcycles to riding patrol cars. Throughout the years, these vehicles have become iconic symbols of the Maryland State Police, not only for the troopers but in the eyes of the public as well.

“When you rolled up on a scene and you had your Stetson on, and you had that big car, they were like ‘Oh, the state police are here.’ You didn’t have to argue with anybody,” retired Lt. Col. Stewart W. Russell said. “Once they saw that state trooper and that car, that was it.”

Throughout the department’s his-



Hundreds of civilian employees, including those in the Forensic Sciences Division, play a vital role in helping the Maryland State Police fulfill our mission of service to the citizens of Maryland.

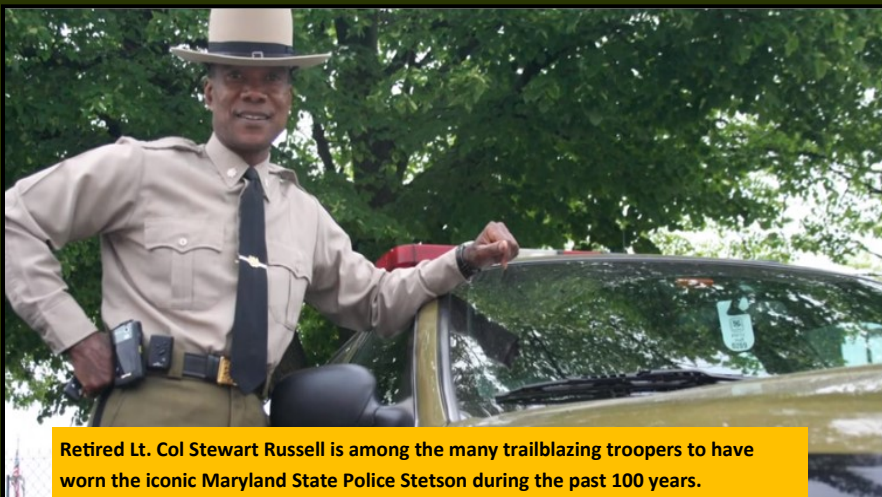
tory, the role of the Maryland State Police has grown and evolved with the times. Specialized units were developed to provide support and meet the changing demands of law enforcement and public safety.

This includes the Forensic Sciences Division, which is working to unlock the secrets of crime scene evidence. The Maryland State Police has also been a national leader in impaired driving

enforcement efforts, saving lives and keeping the roadway safe.

The Department’s Aviation Command is staffed with talented pilots and trooper/flight paramedics who have flown more than 150,000 people to life-saving care. In addition, MSP’s Computer Crimes Unit is vital to our investigative efforts in the modern age.

“Facing a wave of more technology-related crime and that’s been one of the hardest things to combat when you don’t have a physical suspect. You may be dealing with someone who may not be in the same town, county state or even country as you,” Trooper Mark Mowbray said.



Retired Lt. Col Stewart Russell is among the many trailblazing troopers to have worn the iconic Maryland State Police Stetson during the past 100 years.

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VIDEO: MSP Continues To Evolve With Times

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While uniformed troopers are the most recognizable members of the Maryland State Police, there are also hundreds of civilians who serve in vital roles behind the scene in the Department's efforts to protect citizens.

"We're the citizens' first line of contact. We have to make sure we get the correct information, that we're sending them in the right direction and we're not sending them into a situation that's going to harm them," Maryland State Police Communications Supervisor Arlene Major said.

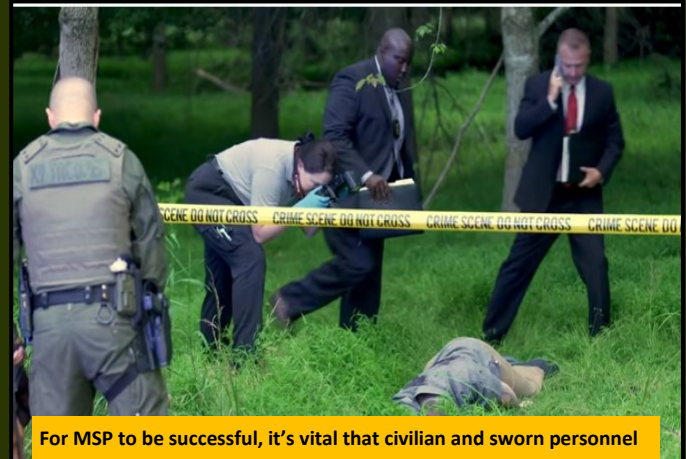
MSP Crime Scene Technician Maggie Iman said

it takes a team effort for the department to succeed in its mission.

"The only way the Maryland State Police can work is with the sworn and civilian working side by side," Iman said.

The Maryland State Police has also grown socially. The department has done this by developing and embracing a culture of diversity to provide opportunities of men and women of all races and to better represent all the citizens of Maryland.

"You put a little pressure on yourself because you don't want to be the one to fail," Captain Chappell said. "You know it's male-dominated, but at



For MSP to be successful, it's vital that civilian and sworn personnel work together.

the same time they are there to look out for you. The gentlemen that I went through the academy with and the shift partners I've had through the years, they pushed you to do better and get through."

The training and preparation required to become a Maryland state trooper distinguishes us from many other law enforcement agencies. Successful candidates attend rigorous classes and training exercises while living at the academy for 26 weeks.

Trooper candidates are also expected to maintain a high level of military discipline. Ethics, teamwork and accountability are the hallmarks of this intensive program that

was established 100 years ago.

"It's a live-in academy," Captain Chappell said. "That builds teamwork, comradery, and it builds the entire foundation of your core. When they tell you you're 'Maryland's Finest,' when you come out, you think 'Yeah, I am.'"

To view the video, click on the following link: <https://youtu.be/WYmPTT5h0e4>



Before becoming a trooper, candidates must complete 26 weeks of training at the Maryland State Police Academy in Sykesville.